Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 06 Apr 2023 until 23:59 on Friday 07 Apr 2023

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 05 Apr 2023 at 17:00 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Low for extent of showers on Thursday. High for mostly dry and settled weather on Friday and most of the weekend. High for a return to changeable weather by Monday.

Headline for Thursday 06 Apr 2023: Cold with a chance of showers, drier and brighter later

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 06 Apr 2023

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** No Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms Low Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
FOG	FOG	FOG					
Fog	Fog	Fog	Sunny intervals	Sleet showers	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
20%	20%	30%	30%	30%	30%	20%	20%

Forecast for Thursday 06 Apr 2023

Weather: A lot of cloud through the daytime and this will bring a few showers which will fall as hail, and snow above 900 metres. Drier and somewhat brighter weather will spread from the west later in the afternoon, then mostly dry into the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 60%

Low Cloud and visibility: Poor in areas of cloud down to 700 to 900 metres, this most persistent and extensive until mid-afternoon across Argyll and southern Lochaber, patchy in the south. Otherwise good visibility outwith cloud, but temporarily reducing in any snow.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	11/14 SW	10/12 W	13/16 W	17/22 NW	20/28 NW	22/30 NW	20/27 NW	16/21 NW	13/16 NW
900	10/12 W	8/11 W	10/13 W	13/18 NW	17/24 NW	18/25 NW	17/23 NW	11/16 NW	9/13 NW
600	10/13 SW	10/12 SW	9/12 SW	11/16 NW	16/22 NW	16/23 NW	14/20 NW	11/15 W	7/10 SW
300	5/8 SW	4/6 SW	4/7 W	8/13 NW	12/19 NW	13/21 NW	10/16 NW	5/9 W	3/6 W
Glen	3/8 SW	4/9 W	4/9 W	7/14 NW	12/23 NW	12/24 NW	9/18 NW	5/10 W	4/6 NW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	1/-4	-1/-5	-2/-7	-2/-8	-2/-9	-2/-9	-2/-9	-3/-10	-4/-9
900	3/-1	2/-2	1/-3	1/-4	2/-4	2/-4	1/-4	-0/-5	-1/-5
600	5/2	4/0	3/-0	4/-1	4/-0	5/0	4/-1	2/-2	2/-2
300	7/6	6/5	5/4	6/3	7/4	7/4	6/3	4/2	4/2
Glen	9/8	8/7	7/6	8/6	10/7	10/7	9/6	6/4	5/4
Freezing Level*	1300m	1100m	1000m	1000m	900m	900m	900m	800m	800m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Note cold temperatures at height, and strengthening summits winds for a time in the afternoon

Forecast for Friday 07 Apr 2023
Weather: A ridge of high pressure will bring dry and sunny weather but some low cloud may develop across the Trossachs in the evening.

Maximum wind: Easterly 15 mph, but freshening on the summits after dark

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 80%

Low Cloud and visibility: Very good visibility with great air clarity, although becoming hazy in the evening across the Trossachs with some patchy cloud developing around 500 metres

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 2 rising to 12 Celsius
At 800m: 0 rising to 3 Celsius
Freezing level: 800 rising to 1100 metres

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